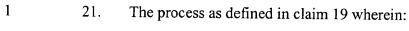
IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 8, 21, 34, and 42 as follows:

| said first pruning includes heading back [young stems] stems to less than about 50 cm.[from] above the ground; said second pruning includes heading back stems with a [cut] crotch angle less than about 30° from the main stem of the plant to about 50 cm. [from] above the ground, heading back those stems between about 30° and about 70° from the main stem to the third bud from the stem tip; said third pruning includes heading back stems with angles less than about 30° from the [vertical] main stem to about 50 cm. [from] above the ground, heading back the stems between about 30° and about 70° from the main stem to the third bud from the stem tip; | | | |
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| about 50 cm.[from] above the ground; said second pruning includes heading back stems with a [cut] crotch angle less than about 30° from the main stem of the plant to about 50 cm. [from] above the ground, heading back those stems between about 30° and about 70° from the main stem to the third bud from the stem tip; said third pruning includes heading back stems with angles less than about 30° from the [vertical] main stem to about 50 cm. [from] above the ground, heading back the stems between about 30° and about 70° from the main stem to the third bud from the stem tip; said fourth pruning includes heading back stems with angles between about | | 1 | 8. The process as defined in Claim 6 wherein: |
| said second pruning includes heading back stems with a [cut] crotch angle less than about 30° from the main stem of the plant to about 50 cm. [from] above the ground, heading back those stems between about 30° and about 70° from the main stem to the third bud from the stem tip; said third pruning includes heading back stems with angles less than about 30° from the [vertical] main stem to about 50 cm. [from] above the ground, heading back the stems between about 30° and about 70° from the main stem to the third bud from the stem tip; said fourth pruning includes heading back stems with angles between about | | 2 | said first pruning includes heading back [young stems] stems to less than |
| than about 30° from the main stem of the plant to about 50 cm. [from] above the ground, heading back those stems between about 30° and about 70° from the main stem to the third bud from the stem tip; said third pruning includes heading back stems with angles less than about 30° from the [vertical] main stem to about 50 cm. [from] above the ground, heading back the stems between about 30° and about 70° from the main stem to the third bud from the stem tip; said fourth pruning includes heading back stems with angles between about | | 3 | about 50 cm.[from] above the ground; |
| heading back those stems between about 30° and about 70° from the main stem to the third bud from the stem tip; said third pruning includes heading back stems with angles less than about 30° from the [vertical] main stem to about 50 cm. [from] above the ground, heading back the stems between about 30° and about 70° from the main stem to the third bud from the stem tip; said fourth pruning includes heading back stems with angles between about | | 4 | said second pruning includes heading back stems with a [cut] crotch angle less |
| bud from the stem tip; said third pruning includes heading back stems with angles less than about 30° from the [vertical] main stem to about 50 cm. [from] above the ground, heading back the stems between about 30° and about 70° from the main stem to the third bud from the stem tip; said fourth pruning includes heading back stems with angles between about | 2 | 5 | than about 30° from the main stem of the plant to about 50 cm. [from] above the ground |
| said third pruning includes heading back stems with angles less than about 30° from the [vertical] main stem to about 50 cm. [from] above the ground, heading back the stems between about 30° and about 70° from the main stem to the third bud from the stem tip; said fourth pruning includes heading back stems with angles between about | | 6 | heading back those stems between about 30° and about 70° from the main stem to the third |
| from the [vertical] main stem to about 50 cm. [from] above the ground, heading back the stems between about 30° and about 70° from the main stem to the third bud from the stem tip; said fourth pruning includes heading back stems with angles between about | | 7 | bud from the stem tip; |
| stems between about 30° and about 70° from the main stem to the third bud from the stem tip; said fourth pruning includes heading back stems with angles between about | | 8 | said third pruning includes heading back stems with angles less than about 30° |
| tip; said fourth pruning includes heading back stems with angles between about | | 9 | from the [vertical] main stem to about 50 cm. [from] above the ground, heading back the |
| said fourth pruning includes heading back stems with angles between about | | 10 | stems between about 30° and about 70° from the main stem to the third bud from the stem |
| and court pruning merades heading back stems with angles between about | | 11 | tip; |
| 13 30° and about 70° from the main stem to the third bud from the stem tip. | | 12 | said fourth pruning includes heading back stems with angles between about |
| | | 13 | 30° and about 70° from the main stem to the third bud from the stem tip. |
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- said first pruning includes heading back [young stems] stems to less than about 50 cm. [from] above the ground;
- said second pruning includes heading back stems with a [cut] <u>crotch</u> angle less
 than 30° from the main stem of the plant to about 50 cm. [from] <u>above</u> the ground, heading

| 5 | back those stems between about 30° and about 70° from the main stem to the third bud from |
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| 7 | the stem tip; |

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said third pruning includes heading back stems with angles less than 30° from

the [vertical] main stem to about 50 cm. [from] above the ground, heading back the stems

between about 30° and 70° from the main stem to the third bud from the stem tip;

said fourth pruning includes heading back stems with angles between about

12 30° and about 70° from the main stem to the third bud from the stem tip.

34. The process as defined in claim 32 wherein:

said first pruning includes heading back [young stems] stems to less than

about 50 cm. [from] above the ground;

said second pruning includes heading back stems with a [cut] <u>crotch</u> angle less

than 30° from the main stem of the plant to about 50 cm. [from] above the ground, heading

back those stems between about 30° and about 70° from the main stem to the third bud from

7 the stem tip;

8 said third pruning includes heading back stems with angles less than about 30°

from the [vertical] main stem to about 50 cm. [from] above the ground, heading back the

stems between about 30° and about 70° from the main stem to the third bud from the stem

11 tip;

said fourth pruning includes heading back stems with angles between about

13 30° and about 70° from the main stem to the third bud from the stem tip.